

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 31, 2006 MINUTES**

On Monday, July 31, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:00 AM, with Commissioners Ted Coffman, David Schulz and Frank Nelson present.

David Schulz moved to approve the July 24, 2006, minutes as read. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those present at the meeting were Lewis Stahl, Doris Fischer, Brandy Hilton, Frank Ford, Vicki Tilstra, and Bob Zenker.

Lewis Stahl, District 2 Commissioner Candidate, was present to observe the meeting.

**Spanish Peaks Resort Release of LOC:** Doris Fischer, Planner, presented the Board with a request from Morrison-Maierle, Inc. to release a letter of credit for Spanish Peaks Holdings, LLC. Doris stated that the Madison County portion of the road improvements have been completed and that the portion still under construction is secured by a new, 2-year, improvements agreement with Gallatin County. Upon recommendation of the Planner, David Schulz moved to release Letter of Credit No. 18101871-00-000 from Spanish Peaks Holdings, LLC, for improvements in Spanish Peaks Resort, Phase 1, PUD, in the amount of \$239,550. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Doris and the Board also discussed the status of new subdivision applications.

**Airport Grant:** Frank Nelson moved to accept Grant Offer #3-30-0090-008-2006, dated July 24, 2006, in the amount of \$174,836.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Ennis Big Sky Airport to acquire snow removal equipment and install weather reporting equipment. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Discussion:** Brandy Hilton, Department of Revenue, stopped in at the meeting and gave the Board the 2006 Certified Taxable Valuation Information for Madison County.

**Building Project:** The Board discussed the building project.

**Fire Restrictions:** The Board discussed fire restrictions and received a telephone call from Mark Petroni, Madison Ranger District. Mark stated that the Forest Service is stepping up their restrictions to Stage Two. David Schulz moved to impose Fire Restrictions on private land in Madison County with no open burning effective immediately until further notice, due to the extreme fire danger, with exceptions considered on a case by case basis and approved in writing by the local Fire Department and the Board of Commissioners. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Discussion:** Frank Ford, Director of Emergency Management, and Vicki Tilstra, Bookkeeping, met with the Board to discuss budgeting for voluntary mitigation fees that will be used for a Public Safety Planning study in the Big Sky area. Vicki will set up a new fund for this project with money received from the development community in the area.

**Mental Health Services:** The Board discussed an offer from Dan Aune, Director of Gallatin Mental Health Center, to provide County employees with a presentation to explain the services that are available and how to access these services. The Board will request that Dan have at least two presentations at the Courthouse so that all employees can attend without having to close offices.

**Job Services Office Space:** David Schulz moved to accept the State of Montana Standard Lease Contract #6668, between the Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Workforce Services Division, and Madison County for office space in the old school house, beginning July 1, 2006, and terminating on June 30, 2007, for the amount of \$100 per month. Frank Nelson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**County Attorney Investigator Contract:** Bob Zenker, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss a contract for the criminal investigator. Frank Nelson moved to approve the Professional Services Contract between Amy J. Donovan and Madison County to assist the County Attorney in trial preparation of criminal cases, for an amount not to exceed \$6000 for fiscal year 2006-2007, effective immediately through June 30, 2007. David Schulz seconded the motion. Frank Nelson and Ted Coffman voted aye. David Schulz was opposed. The motion carried on a majority vote.

**Alley Quit Claim to the Town of Ennis:** Per letter of request from Jamie Nyswonger, Zoning Administrator, Town of Ennis, Frank Nelson moved to approve a Quit Claim Deed from Madison County to the Town of Ennis for that certain alley running North and South between Fagin Street and Hugel Street in Block 6 of Comley's Addition to the Town of Ennis as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 7, Clerk and Recorder's Office, Madison County. David Schulz seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Request for Engineering Study:** The Board received a letter from Lynn Lowder requesting the Board to recommend that an Engineering Study be done on Highway 287 between Twin Bridges and Sheridan for the purpose of imposing a special speed zone. Because the road is straight, has wide shoulders, good visibility and has recently been widened and resurfaced, the Board is not comfortable making a recommendation at this time. The Board will forward a copy of the letter to Lee Alt, Montana Department of Transportation.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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C. Ted Coffman, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 7, 2006  
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